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SUBJECT: REPLY TO NETO'S MESSAGE

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE ONLY FROM HARROP

SINCE IT APPEARS THAT NO HIGH-LEVEL ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVE
IS IN NAIROBI, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ASK OUR EMBASSY IN
BRUSSELS TO CONTACT THE ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR THERE FOR
CLARIFICATION OF NETO'S MESSAGE. THERE FOLLOWS, FOR
YOUR APPROVAL, A PROPOSED CABLE TO BRUSSELS. IF YOU
APPROVE IT, LET US KNOW BY IMMEDIATE AND WE WILL TRANSMIT
TO BRUSSELS.

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BEGIN TEXT OF CABLE TO BRUSSELS (INFO KINSHASA)

REFS: A) KINSHASA 9067; B) KINSHASA 9028

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DETAILS OF A REPORTED OFFER BY ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO

TO RECEIVE A U.S. DELEGATION IN LUANDA TO DISCUSS THE

CUBAN PRESENCE. THE REPORTED OFFER IS SO UNUSUAL THAT WE WISH TO OBTAIN SOME CONFIRMATION OF ITS ACCURACY BEFORE RESPONDING, PARTICULARLY SINCE OFFER WAS RELAYED THROUGH THE ZAIRIANS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST USE UTMOST DISCRETION IN SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVES, SINCE WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY OTHER ANGOLAN OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF NETO'S APPROACH TO US AND WE DO NOT WISH TO CAST DOUBT ON MOBUTU'S RELIABILITY AS AN INTERMEDIARY.

2. POL OFFICER TOWELL SHOULD CONTACT ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR DE ALMEIDA SOONEST WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE: USA HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NETO TO PRESIDENT CARTER, RELAYED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU AT A SUBORDINATE LEVEL DURING AUGUST 19-21 NETO VISIT TO KINSHASA, THAT PRESIDENT NETO IS WILLING TO RECEIVE A U.S. DELEGATION IN LUANDA TO DISCUSS SECURITY MATTERS. IN PREPARING A RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT NETO WE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ANGOLANS MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE SUCH AS PREFERRED DELEGATION LEVEL AND SIZE, SUGGESTED DATES, ETC. WE REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR DE ALMEIDA SEEK SUCH INFORMATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. ALTERNATIVELY, IF ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE, USG COULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE
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TO LUANDA TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF THE VISIT AND AGENDA.
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